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Washington, D.C. 20535

October 20, 2016

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FOIPA Request No.: 1352433-000
INTERPOL Tracking No.: 2016-093
Subject: SEAL, ADLER BERRIMAN

Dear Mr. Best:

While processing your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, Interpol Washington located FBI information in their records. This material was referred to the FBI for direct response to you.

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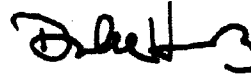
11 pages reviewed and 11 pages being released.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Hardy", with a stylized flourish at the end.

David M. Hardy
Section Chief,
Record/Information
Dissemination Section
Records Management Division

Enclosure

Subject: >> Scanned Document << MF3

PRIORITY: Normal
 IN DATE: 08 September 1998
 REC DATE: 08 September 1998
 TO: IP Washington
 FROM: FBI
 SUBJECT'S REF: 245B7SUBFGUGZ
 LANGUAGE: English
 DOC TYPE: Memorandum
 SUBJECT: Wanted person - fugitive
 OFFENSE: MURDER
 NUMBER: MCF
 OCR TEXT

Synopsis: Internal request to ascertain whether or not [REDACTED] is still incarcerated in a Colombian prison or in another country, unknown at the present time, and to check with the U.S. Department of State to determine the possibility of any current extradition treaty is in existence with the United States to return subject for murder charges.

Administrative: Reference New Orleans airtel to the Bureau on 10/11/94, and Bureau airtel to New Orleans on 1/24/95.

Details: The Bureau has previously advised the New Orleans Division in referenced communication that as of 7/24/95, subject [REDACTED] was to be released from a Colombian prison. [REDACTED]

Approximately one year ago, the Bureau canvassed respective field divisions regarding Bureau fugitives residing in Colombia who would be prosecuted if extradited. At the time of this request, there was some indication that the U.S. Department of State, in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Justice, was attempting to accomplish this goal to extradite Bureau fugitives [REDACTED] name was provided at the time of this telephone request. However, the New Orleans Division was never apprised regarding the outcome of the efforts of the Attorney General to obtain an existing extradition treaty with Colombia officials.

The following information is being provided to the Bureau to accomplish the aforementioned request of the New Orleans Division in order that this matter may be brought to a logical conclusion by either prosecuting or dismissing the current UFAP warrant.

For the information of the Bureau, subject [REDACTED] Pablo Escobar-Gaviria, and Rafael Cardona Salazar, all from Colombia, were indicted by a Federal Grand Jury on 7/22/86, in the Middle District of Louisiana (MDLA), Baton Rouge, Louisiana. All three were members of the Medellin Cartel who were responsible for supplying multi-ton quantities of cocaine into the United States. [REDACTED] and his accomplices were charged in the MDLA for arranging the murder of Aler Barriman "Barry" Seal, a government witness who was fatally shot outside of a halfway house in Baton Rouge on 2/19/86 by members of the cartel's assassination squad.

All three defendants were charged in the indictment with conspiracy to violate the Rights of a Citizen (Title 18, USC, Section 241), Causing Interstate Travel for Contract Murders (Title 18, USC, Section 1932(a)), and Conspiracy to Obstruct Justice (Title 18, USC, Section 371).

At the time of the indictment in July 1986, all three defendants were believed to be residing in Colombia. Interpol, as well as Colombian provisional authorities, were alerted and provided with information regarding each defendant's outstanding warrants on file with the U.S. District Court, MDLA, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

In February 1988, information was obtained from the U.S. Embassy, Bogota, Colombia, to verify the death of defendant Rafael Cardona Salazar on 12/05/87. Salazar's indictment was ultimately dismissed on 3/28/88.

In addition, in December 1993, confirmation was obtained regarding the death of Pablo Emilio Escobar Gaviria in Colombia by provincial police.

[REDACTED] is the lone defendant remaining in this case.

Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) [REDACTED] Eastern District of Louisiana, New Orleans, Louisiana, continues to advise that should an extradition treaty with the country of Colombia ever be signed, his office would extradite the one remaining co-conspirator, [REDACTED] for the contract

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murder of Adler Barriman Seal.

The following background and descriptive information based upon information on file with Interpol authorities as of

1989 are set forth below:

Descriptive Data:

Main Subject
Name
Last: [REDACTED] (b)(6), (b)(7)(c)
First: [REDACTED]
Middle: N/A
DOB: N/A
Father's Family Name: [REDACTED]
Mother's Family Name: (b)(6), (b)(7)(c)
(Surname)
Race: W
Sex: M
DOB: [REDACTED] (b)(6), (b)(7)(c)
POB: [REDACTED]
VAT: [REDACTED]
PNO: [REDACTED]
PNO: [REDACTED] (b)(6), (b)(7)(c)
SOC: [REDACTED]
MCTC Fingerprint
Classification: (b)(6), (b)(7)(c)
MCTC: [REDACTED]
Alias (s): [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (b)(6), (b)(7)(c)
Physical Features
Height: [REDACTED] (b)(6), (b)(7)(c)
Weight: [REDACTED]
Hair: [REDACTED]
Eyes: [REDACTED] (b)(6), (b)(7)(c)
Distinguishing
Characteristics: Irresponsible, eccentric and emotional

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LEAD (S):

Set Lead 1:

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE

AT WASHINGTON, DC (INTERPOL UNIT)

Will attempt to verify subject [REDACTED] (b)(6), (b)(7)(c) current status through Interpol authorities.

Set Lead 2:

AT WASHINGTON, DC (INTERPOL UNIT)

Will contact appropriate official with the Office of the Attorney General/Extradition Detail regarding the existence of any current extradition agreement or treaty between Colombia and the United States in an effort to initiate the extradition of [REDACTED] to the State of Louisiana to face murder charges. (b)(6), (b)(7)(c)

ARMED AND DANGEROUS SUBJECT IS MEMBER OF MEDELLIN CARTEL.

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Priority: Normal
Date Sent: Mon 11/1/1999 6:43 PM
Sender: HP Scanjet
Sender Ref: NONE
Case Number: 19890806051
Subject: C15 - FBI

Case ID#: 245B-7 SUB FUG 2 (Pending)

Title: (b)(6), (b)(7)c a/k/a

(b)(6), (b)(7)c

OCDETF MATTER

ARMED AND DANGEROUS
SUBJECT IS A MEMBER OF THE MEDELLIN CARTEL

Synopsis: Interpol "Diffusion" request to ascertain whether or not (b)(6), (b)(7)c is incarcerated in a Colombian prison and Legat Bogota request to ascertain further status of subject (b)(6), (b)(7)c through the appropriate channels within the Colombian military to release as a result of police to police cooperation matter. (b)(6), (b)(7)c

Administrative: Reference New Orleans airtel to the Bureau 10/11/94, Bureau airtel to New Orleans on 01/24/95, New Orleans EC to the Bureau 09/08/98, and telcals of SA (b)(6), (b)(7)c to SSA (b)(6), (b)(7)c and ALAT (b)(6), (b)(7)c on 10/18/99.

Details: Approximately one year ago, the Bureau canvassed respective field divisions regarding Bureau fugitives residing in Colombia who would be prosecuted if extradited. At the time of this request, there was some indication the U.S. Department of State, in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Justice, was attempting to accomplish this goal to extradite Bureau fugitives. (b)(6), (b)(7)c name was provided at the time of this telephone request. However, the New Orleans Division was never apprised regarding the outcome of the efforts of the Attorney General to obtain an existing extradition treaty with Colombian officials.

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Interstate Travel for Contract Murders (Title 18, USC, Section 1952(a)), and Conspiracy to obstruct Justice (Title 18, USC, Section 371).

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Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) (b)(6), (b)(7)(c) Eastern District of Louisiana, New Orleans, Louisiana, continues to advise that should an extradition treaty with the country of Colombia ever be signed, his office would extradite the one remaining co-conspirator, (b)(6), (b)(7)(c) for the contract murder of Adler Berriman Seal.

On 10/18/99, contact was made with SSA (b)(6), (b)(7)(c) International Relations Section, WDC, who recommended that his section would make a request through Interpol to ascertain the present status of subject (b)(6), (b)(7)(c) in view of the fact he, along with approximately thirty other people, was arrested during the early morning hours of 10/13/99, in a joint U.S.-Colombian effort called operation Millennium. (b)(6), (b)(7)(c) was arrested at his estate at Medellin, Colombia, and thereafter transported by helicopter to Bogota, Colombia, for further processing.

The New Orleans Division, Baton Rouge Resident Agency, is making an inquiry through the Legal Attache at Bogota, Colombia, to determine if Colombian authorities will surrender (b)(6), (b)(7)(c) to U.S. authorities for the 02/19/86 murder of Adler Berriman Seal, bearing in mind that the three "hit men" hired by Pablo Escobar, Cardona Salazar, and (b)(6), (b)(7)(c) are currently serving life sentences in the Louisiana State Penitentiary at Angola, Louisiana. This warrant is currently on file with the U.S. Marshal's Service at Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The following background and descriptive information based upon information on file with Interpol authorities as of

1989 are set forth below:

Name -
Last: (b)(6), (b)(7)(c)
First:
Middle: N/A
DDN: N/A
Father's Family Name:
Mother's Family Name: (b)(6), (b)(7)(c)
Race:
Sex:
DOB: (b)(6), (b)(7)(c)

POB: [redacted] (b)(6), (b)(7)(c)
FBI: [redacted]
PNO: [redacted]
PNO: [redacted] (b)(6), (b)(7)(c)
PNO: [redacted]
SOC: [redacted]

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Interpol Ref. 4: 98-08-06051 [redacted] (b)(6), (b)(7)(c)

NCIC Fingerprint

Classification: [redacted] (b)(6), (b)(7)(c)

NIC4: [redacted]

Alias (es)

Last:

First: [redacted] (b)(6), (b)(7)(c)

Middle:

DDN:

Last:

First: [redacted] (b)(6), (b)(7)(c)

Middle:

DDN:

Last:

First: [redacted] (b)(6), (b)(7)(c)

Middle:

DDN:

Last:

First: [redacted] (b)(6), (b)(7)(c)

Middle:

DDN:

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First: [redacted] (b)(6), (b)(7)(c)

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DDN:

Miscellaneous -

Height:

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Hair:

Eyes: [redacted] (b)(6), (b)(7)(c)

Distinguishing

Characteristics: Irresponsible, eccentric and emotional

Set Lead 1:

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE

AT WASHINGTON, DC (INTERPOL UNIT)

Will attempt to verify subject [redacted] (b)(6), (b)(7)(c) current status through Interpol authorities through the issuance of a "Diffusion Flash" in the country of Colombia.

Set Lead 2:

BOGOTA

AT BOGOTA, COLOMBIA

Will determine the status of a previous extradition request related to [redacted] (b)(6), (b)(7)(c) considering the circumstances that extradition may now be possible on

a police to police cooperation basis in view of the fact (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) is charged
in a 1986 murder for hire that would bring life imprisonment upon conviction.

Interpol Case File Number: 19890806051

Memo to the File

On 9/14/2003, Interpol Washington, SSA (b)(6), (b)(7)(c) telephonically spoke with FBI, New Orleans, SA (b)(6), (b)(7)(c) to discuss the status of the Interpol Red Notice for (b)(6), (b)(7)(c).

(b)(6), (b)(7)(c) subject of Interpol Red Notice Control No. A-381/10-1989, was indicted on 7/22/1986, by a Federal Grand Jury in the Middle District of Louisiana, for his role in the murder of Adler Berriman SEAL, a government witness, who was fatally shot in Baton Rouge Louisiana, on 2/19/1986, by members of the Medellin Cartel, assassination squad.

On or about November of 1994, FBI, New Orleans learned that (b)(6), (b)(7)(c) was serving prison time in Colombia for drug distribution activities. At the time, the United States did not have a binding extradition treaty with Colombia, and no further action was taken.

On 12/17/1997, the US and Colombia restored their extradition treaty.

On 10/13/1999, (b)(6), (b)(7)(c) was arrested in Colombia, as part of joint US and Colombian operation which netted (b)(6), (b)(7)(c) along with numerous other significant Medellin Cartel members. (b)(6), (b)(7)(c) was subsequently extradited to the United States to face Federal Indictments out of the Southern District of Florida. Based on the 12/17/1997, extradition agreement, (b)(6), (b)(7)(c) would not be prosecuted for charges brought upon prior to the 12/17/1997, extradition agreement date.

On 8/26/2003, (b)(6), (b)(7)(c) was sentenced in Federal District Court, in the Southern District of Florida, to 365 months imprisonment, 5 years supervised release and a \$25,000.00 dollar fine.

During recent contact between FBI, SA (b)(6), (b)(7)(c) and Middle District of Louisiana, AUSA (b)(6), (b)(7)(c) SA (b)(6), (b)(7)(c) was informed that the 1986 Indictment against (b)(6), (b)(7)(c) will remain outstanding and was instructed to maintain, his NCIC wanted status current.

In light of the above detailed events, SSA (b)(6), (b)(7)(c) opined that the Red Notice on (b)(6), (b)(7)(c) could be cancelled, but informed SA (b)(6), (b)(7)(c) that he would further research before any action is taken.

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Sender: Federal LA Justice Federal Bureau of Investigation
Sender Ref: NONE
Case Number: 19890806051
Subject: [redacted]

FBI
Attn: [redacted]
From: [redacted] (b)(6), (b)(7)(c)

[redacted] I got this letter today -R- keep red notice on-line
(b)(6), (b)(7)(c)

Receipt of your letter dated September 2, 2003 is acknowledged concerning [redacted] (b)(6), (b)(7)(c)

(b)(6), (b)(7)(c) [redacted] I am very familiar with the [redacted] (b)(6), (b)(7)(c) prosecution in Miami as I was down there helping prosecutors prepare one of the main witnesses, [redacted] (b)(6), (b)(7)(c) As you are probably aware, (b)(6), (b)(7)(c) Mr. [redacted] would be a witness in the case pending in the Middle District involving the murder of Adler B. Seal. The Seal murder case is very viable and could be tried as the evidence and the witnesses are available.

At this time I do not think it would be wise to dismiss the pending case in the Middle District against [redacted] (b)(6), (b)(7)(c) I might add the U. S. Attorney's Office in the Southern District of Florida and the Middle District of Louisiana agree with my opinion. The killing of Seal by [redacted] (b)(6), (b)(7)(c) and the other (b)(6), (b)(7)(c) two who were charged and are now deceased was a cold blooded act of contract murder against a govertunent witness. I just do not think that this kind of case should be dismissed when it could still be prosecuted. Also, I believe if we dismissed it we would open ourselves up to negative criticism by both the public and the press.

I realize that there are serious road blocks for trying [redacted] (b)(6), (b)(7)(c) for the Seal murder, however, it is not impossible. If the Colombian government agreed it could be tried, it could be (b)(6), (b)(7)(c) tried or if [redacted] (b)(6), (b)(7)(c) escaped and was arrested, we could try the case. Finally, if he is released from jail and arrested in a foreign country other than Colombia, we could seek extradition and try the case.

If further information or clarification is necessary, please feel free to contact me at [redacted] (b)(6), (b)(7)(c)

Very truly yours,
[redacted] (b)(6), (b)(7)(c)

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Brief Description of Communication Form

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Eastern District of Louisiana
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September 15, 2003

(b)(6), (b)(7)(c)
Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
9100 Bluebonnet Centre
Baton Rouge, LA 70809

Attn: Special Agent (b)(6), (b)(7)(c)

Re: United States v. (b)(6), (b)(7)(c)

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(b)(6), (b)(7)c

September 15, 2003

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(b)(6), (b)(7)c

(b)(6), (b)(7)c

Very truly yours,

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

(b)(6), (b)(7)c

Assistant U. S. Attorney
Senior Litigation Counsel

PER (b)(6)

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cc:

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